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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): A lamp comprising a bulb that generates visible light and infrared light, wherein the bulb is provided with a coating that reflects middle infrared radiation and is transparent to near infrared radiation and A lamp as claimed in claim-1, characterized in that the coating (8) has comprises an interference coating with 37 individual layers of Nb₂O₅ and SiO₂.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

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Claim 6 (previously presented): A lamp comprising a bulb that generates visible light and infrared light, the bulb being provided with a first coating that reflects middle infrared radiation and is transparent to near infrared radiation and provided with a second coating that eliminates visible light whereinA lamp as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the second coating (10) comprises Fe₂O₃ and SiO₂ layers.

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended): A headlamp—(31)
comprising

a reflector (34) and

a lamp (32) comprising a bulb (5, 6, 23, 24, 35) that generates visible light and infrared light, characterized in that wherein,

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the bulb (5, 23, 35) is provided with a coating (8) that reflects middle infrared radiation and is transparent to near infrared; and

a lower reflector segment $\overline{(39)}$ is provided with a coating $\overline{(40)}$ which reflects near infrared radiation and which is transparent to visible light.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A lamp for night vision comprising

first and second elliptical bulbs, the second bulb being external to and surrounding the first bulb;

a first coating on the first bulb, which first coating comprises layers of Nb_2O_5 and SiO_2 arranged such that infrared radiation of wavelength greater than 1000 nm is substantially reflected and near infrared radiation in a range of 800 to 1000 nm is substantially transmitted; and

a second coating on the second bulb, which second coating comprises layers of Fe_2O_3 and SiO_2 arranged so that visible light having a wavelength in the range of 400 to 800 nm is substantially blocked.

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Claim 11 (previously presented): A vehicle headlight comprising the lamp of claim 10 and further comprising a reflector that reflects near infrared radiation and is transparent to visible light.

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): A lamp comprising a bulb that generates visible light and infrared light, the bulb being provided with a first coating that reflects middle infrared radiation and is transparent to near infrared radiation and being surrounded by an external bulb having a second coating that eliminates visible light, whereinA lamp as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the coating—(10) comprises Fe₂O₃ and SiO₂ layers.

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (canceled)

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Claim 17 (currently amended): A lamp comprising a bulb that generates visible light and infrared light, the bulb being provided with a coating that reflects middle infrared radiation and is transparent to near infrared radiation. The lamp of claim 1, wherein the lamp is arranged for a night sight application.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A lamp comprising a bulb that generates visible light and infrared light, the bulb being provided with a coating that reflects middle infrared radiation and is transparent to near infrared radiationThe lamp of claim 1, wherein the coating is transparent for substantially all wavelengths in the range of 800 to 1000 nm.